

I believe the proposed changes to allow greater concentration of media control in fewer hands threaten the free and independent press, which is critical to a vibrant democracy. The changes will limit the variety of voices that can be heard in television, radio and print media. I do not believe that media conglomerates are concerned with a well-informed citizenry, essential to the democratic process. I have the impression that highly paid corporate insiders have been quietly at work influencing the FCC to lift the ban on cross-ownership of media. Without these protections, America will lose its independent voices. I would like you to know that I am profoundly opposed to the corporate takeover of media. Thanks for listening. Philip